

1 ABSTRACT

2 The present invention provides a linear fastening system  
3 capable of rapid engagement and disengagement. More  
4 specifically, the system utilizes a cooperating collet member  
5 and a compression ring member which are constructed and  
6 arranged to slip easily over a shank member. The fastener  
7 system is secured by linearly traversing a compression member  
8 in an overlapping fashion over the collet member thereby  
9 utilizing ribbed surfaces to compress the collet member to grip  
10 the outer surface of the shank member. In this manner, the  
11 linear fastener system is capable of providing a precise,  
12 secure, and reproducible connection between multiple components  
13 without the need to apply rotational torque to the assembly.

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